

Refugees Welcome Hounslow CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1202634

Details

Other names REFUGEES WELCOME HOUNSLOW

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-04-05

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PREVENTING REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS IN HOUNSLOW FROM BECOMING SOCIALLY EXCLUDED, AND RELIEVING THE NEEDS OF THOSE PEOPLE WITHIN HOUNSLOW WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED BY REASON OF THEIR REFUGEE OR ASYLUM SEEKING STATUS AND ASSISTING THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY.2. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL ABOUT THE ISSUES RELATING TO REFUGEES AND THOSE SEEKING ASYLUM; AND IN PARTICULAR, THE EXPERIENCE OF BEING A REFUGEE ON A GOVERNMENT RESETTLEMENT SCHEME OR AN ASYLUM SEEKER IN A HOTEL OR DISPERSAL ACCOMMODATION IN HOUNSLOW.3. TO RELIEVE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AMONG REFUGEES AND THOSE ASYLUM SEEKERS AND THEIR DEPENDANTS IN RECEIPT OF HOME OFFICE SUPPORT LIVING IN THE LONDON BOROUGH OF HOUNSLOW, BY PROVIDING GRANTS AND ESSENTIAL ITEMS THAT THEY COULD NOT OTHERWISE AFFORD.

Activities: Promote, encourage, coordinate, and organise the welcome and on-going long-term support and friendship in the London Borough of Hounslow (LBH) of refugee households as part of government resettlement schemes and other refugees and asylum seekers. To raise awareness of the needs of refugees, help build wider community support for them and counter any anti-refugee backlash.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Recreation
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Hounslow

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31		£778	£0	-
2023-12-31		£0	£0	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Margaret Elinor Shelagh Allsop	Chair	2023-04-05
Brigitte Elisabeth Faubert		2023-04-05
Janet Georgina Barton		2023-04-05
Mary Bernadette O'Shea		2023-04-05
Nazir Hussain		2025-05-13

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Nature and Constitution

Refugees Welcome Hounslow was set up on 5 April 2023 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with the aim of taking over the charitable activities of the unincorporated charitable association of the same name. The process of taking over these charitable activities has taken longer than originally anticipated, especially with the time and effort required to open a new bank account. During 2024, the name of the CIO was changed to Refugees Welcome Hounslow CIO (RWH CIO) in order to distinguish it from the unincorporated charitable association and a bank account opened with Metro Bank.

This report covers the aims and activities of RWH CIO during the year 2024. There is a separate annual report for the unincorporated charitable association.

Aims and purposes

- 1 To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing refugees and asylum seekers in Hounslow from becoming socially excluded and relieving the needs of those people within Hounslow who are socially excluded by reason of their refugee or asylum-seeking status and assisting them to integrate into society.
- 2 To advance the education of the public in general about the issues relating to refugees and those seeking asylum; in particular, the experience of being a refugee on a government resettlement scheme or an asylum seeker in a hotel or dispersal accommodation in Hounslow.
- 3 To relieve financial hardship among refugees and those asylum seekers and their dependants in receipt of Home Office support living in the London Borough of Hounslow, by providing grants and essential items that they could not otherwise afford.

Main activities undertaken during the year

RWH CIO only became active towards the end of 2024 once its banking facilities were established. The only significant activity during the year was Kew Sinfonia concert (see below).

Financial review

The accounts for year ended 31 December 2024 are attached. These accounts together with their supporting documents have been independently inspected. RWH CIO's funds are held in a Metro Bank account that was opened in November 2024.

Fund Raising

Kew Sinfonia held a Christmas concert in aid of RWH CIO at St Paul's Church in Chiswick, London on 15 December 2024. Funds were raised through ticket sales and a volunteer run bar at the concert venue.

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Expenditure

The charity has yet to incur any expenditure. It is envisaged that expenditures will pick up starting in 2025 once it takes on the activities of the unincorporated charitable association.

Reserves

RWH does not currently have a formal reserves policy given it has no specific financial commitments and no regular expenses except an annual insurance premium. Its other expenditure is always conditional upon the availability of funds.

No funds are held by RWH CIO or its trustees as custodian trustee on behalf of others.

Plans for 2025

At the beginning of 2025, the Trustees of RWH CIO and the Executive Committee of the unincorporated charitable association each separately agreed that the remaining balance in the bank account of the unincorporated charitable association, its only asset, should be transferred to the RWH CIO bank account and that subsequent to the transfer, RWH CIO should take over the activities previously undertaken by the unincorporated charitable association.

It was further agreed that when all administrative procedures involved in the transfer had been completed, the unincorporated charitable association bank account should be closed. It is expected that a motion will be put to the 2025 General Meeting of the unincorporated charitable association that it should be wound up.

RWH CIO will be referred to for everyday purposes as 'Refugees Welcome Hounslow' once the need to distinguish the two organisations no longer applies.

Names of Trustees

The Annual Report & Accounts for 2024 were considered by the Trustees on 9 April 2025. The Trustees on that date were as follows:

Shelagh Allsop (Chair)
Janet Barton
Claire Briffaut
Brigitte Faubert
Bernadette O'Shea

Address

% Ms C Briffaut, Treasurer, 86 Devonshire Road, London, W4 2HS



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01-Jan-23	To	31-Dec-23
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
London Borough of Hounslow Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Other Government Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Donations from Individuals	1	-	-	1	-
Other Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising Events	777	-	-	777	-
Membership Fees	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	778	-	-	778	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	778	-	-	778	-
A3 Payments					
Direct Support for Families	-	-	-	-	-
Donations to Refugee Charities	-	-	-	-	-
Administrative Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Supplies for Fundraising Events	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	778	-	-	778	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	778	-	-	778	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Metro Bank plc	778	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	778	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Shelagh Allsop	13-May-25	

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 5 April 2023 Period start date To 31 December 2023 Period end date

Charity name: Refugees Welcome Hounslow CIO

Charity registration number: 1202634

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The charity aims to foster social inclusion in Hounslow by supporting refugees and asylum seekers in their integration and preventing social exclusion due to their status. It seeks to educate the public on refugee-related issues, particularly the experiences of those in resettlement schemes or temporary accommodations. Additionally, it provides financial relief to refugees and asylum seekers and their dependents receiving Home Office support in Hounslow, offering grants and essential items to alleviate hardship.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The charity has been set up to take over the activities of an unincorporated charitable association but is not yet active as it is awaiting the set-up of bank accounts.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The charity has been set up with the guidance in mind and the trustees will have regard to the guidance when the charity becomes active.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	-
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	-

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The charity was not active during this period.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	...
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Not applicable
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£0
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The charity is not yet active
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	As per the Constitution (election to post with no person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees)

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Refugees Welcome Hounslow CIO
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1202634
Charity's principal address	86 Devonshire Road LONDON W4 2HS

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Shelagh Allsop	Chair		
2	Claire Briffaut			
3	Mary O'Shea			
4	Brigitte Faubert			
5	Janet Barton			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	MES Allsep	
Full name(s)	Shelagh Allsop	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee & Chair	
Date	29-Oct-2024	



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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	05-Apr-23	To	31-Dec-23
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</i>	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total receipts</i>	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Payments					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total payments</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	-	-	-	-	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	-	-	-	-	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

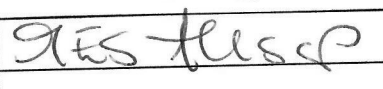
	OK	OK	OK
Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
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		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature 	Print Name Shelagh Allsop	Date of approval 28-Oct-24
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